(c) if so, whether the Ministry has got any response from other Ministries in this regard; and

(d) what are the other major recommendations made by the Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Task Force on "Power Sector Investments and Reforms" has submitted its Report in February, 2004 recommending, *inter-alia,* draft National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy.

**Proper utilization of water for electricity production in Uttaranchal**

†372. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40,000 MW electricity can be produced by proper utilization of water in Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would formulate any action plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) As per the "Reassessment studies of hydro-electric potential of the country" completed by Central Electricity Authority in 1987, the assessed hydro power potential in Uttaranchal is 9341 MW (at 60% load factor) which corresponds to a probable installed capacity of about 18, 175 MW.

Hydro-electric schemes having installed capacity of 988.85 MW (Schemes above 3 MW) are in operation in the State. Seven hydro-electric/multipurpose projects with total installed capacity of 3134 MW are under various stages of execution in the State.

Under 50,000 MW Hydro-electric initiative, 39 schemes with total intalied capacity of 6474 MW have been located in Uttaranchal. Out of these schemes, 12 Hydro-electric Schemes with total installed capacity of 2151 MW, for which PFRs, have been prepared, are being considered

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for implementation by Central Public Sector Undertakings under three stage clearance procedure subject to consent of the State Government. Besides.7 projects with an aggregate installed capacity of 1083 MW are also being considered for Survey & Investigation and preparation of Detailed Project Reports by various Central Public Sector Undertakings/ State utilities subject to consent of the State Government.

**Unelectrified villages in UP and Maharashtra**

†373. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages in UP and Maharashtra which have not been electrified so far;

(b) what is the plan of the Government regarding the rural-electrification; and

(c) till when the electrification of all the villages in UP and Maharashtra would be completed by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) District-wise details of un-etectrified villages in Uttar Pradesh are given in the enclosed statement (See below). Maharashtra State has achieved 100% village electrification.

(b) and (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme household electrification is to be completed in five years in all States including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

***Statement***

*District-wise details of un-electrified villages in Uttar Pradesh*

| Sl. No. | Name of District | Total No. of Villages as on 31.3.2004 | Balance Villages to be electrified as on 31.3.2004 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Saharanpur | 1278 | 302 |
| 2. | Muzafarnagar | 886 | 0 |
| 3.&4 | Meerut & Baghpat | 900 | 0 |
| 5&6 | Ghaziabad & Gautambudh Nagar | 685 | 16 |
| 7. | Buland Shahar | 1359 | 325 |
| 8. | Bijnaur | 2132 | 842 |

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